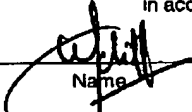


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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION
UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111**

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir,

This paper is responsive to the most recent Office Action on the merits, dated November 2, 2004 for which a response is due February 2, 2004. Accompanying this Amendment is a Petition for a two month time extension. Accordingly, this paper is timely filed.

Applicant has given careful consideration to the analysis in the Office Action. Please enter the following amendments and remarks.